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**CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA)
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(Only for Continuation or Divisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(d))

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Address to:	Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box CPA Washington, DC 20231	Attorney Docket No. of Prior Application	97-ST37
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		Group Art Unit	3672
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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/ / 104,788 ,
filed on 6/25/98 , entitled DRILL BIT WITH LARGE INSERTS .

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR 1.78(a).

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2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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 - b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
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	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (i))	73 -20* =	53	x \$ 18 =	\$ 954
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))	3 -3** =	0	x \$ 0 =	0
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+ \$ 0 =	0
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	710
				Total of above Calculations =	1664
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).				
	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.			TOTAL =	1664

6. Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to
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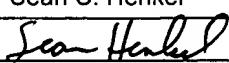
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EXAMINER:
Dang, H.

FOR: Drill Bit with Large
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 13, 2001

Atty. Dkt. No.: 97-ST37
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In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 26 and 50 as follows:

Subd 1. (twice amended) A percussion drill bit for percussive drilling in a formation, comprising:

(a) a bit head for percussive impact against the formation;

(b) at least a first plurality of first inserts and a second plurality of second inserts extending from the bit head;

(c) each of the first inserts having a first base portion mounted to the bit head and a first exposed portion [that is not superhard] extending from the bit head, the first exposed portion having a first profile and a first contact area;

(d) each of the second inserts having a second base portion mounted to the bit head and a second exposed portion extending from the bit head, each of the second